

amicus brief supporting gun rights. In the end, the Court's decision affirmed that all citizens have the right to keep and bear arms.

I am pleased with this decision because now honest, law-abiding citizens of the District of Columbia, as well as those in Florida and across the Nation, can be assured of the right to self-protection in their homes. As a strong defender of our Second Amendment rights, I am glad to see this outcome from the Courts.

IN HONOR OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROTECTIVES CO. 1 OF ROCHESTER, NY

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Protectives Co. 1 of Rochester, New York as they approach their 150th anniversary. Ever since their formation on August 23, 1858 these volunteer citizens have spent thousands of hours a year protecting the property of their neighbors from fire, smoke and water damage thereby reducing the costs to the businesses and citizens of Rochester in their most distressing times.

Formed as part of a general reorganization of a fractured and dysfunctional Rochester Fire Department, the Protectives Property Protection and Salvage Company instilled a sense of security that the community it served had been missing. Before its inception, the citizens of Rochester relied on ten separate, and often bickering, fire departments to protect their homes and businesses from fires. The Protectives helped bring about a renewed commitment to protecting the community.

The original Protectives Property Protection and Salvage Company has not only saved countless dollars in property damage over the years, but has also saved the lives of many individuals and firefighters from out of control fires. The Protectives No. 1 operates as a volunteer unit under the Rochester Fire Department assisting them with salvage, ventilation, lighting and holding fire hoses as ordered by the fire Chief, thereby relieving the firefighting manpower at the scene of an active fire.

The Protectives have been there supporting the Greater Rochester community throughout some of its most trying times, including the Great Sibley Fire of 1904 which totaled 4 million dollars worth of damage at the time. And today they continue to work many of the most fundamental and underappreciated jobs including pumping out flooded basements, and setting up and operating fans and lighting during salvaging efforts. Each and every day they subscribe to their motto, "we strive to save."

The Greater Rochester Area owes them a debt of gratitude for their dedicated work and thousands of hours of volunteer services. So it is with great pride and appreciation that I congratulate the Protectives Co. 1 for 150 years of great service, and may it continue to serve as a model of volunteer service and community activism for the citizens of Rochester, NY and across America.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CENTENNIAL OF THE CITY OF POINT ARENA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Point Arena on the Mendocino Coast in Northern California. Located along magnificently rugged headlands overlooking the Pacific Ocean to the west and bordered by redwood forests to the east, California's sixth smallest city (current population 501) is precariously "surrounded" by the San Andreas Fault and watched over by the stately Point Arena Lighthouse.

Self-described as a "town of booms and declines" Point Arena has survived three major fires and fueled a variety of enterprising possibilities. Historical anecdotes trace its heritage from the native Pomos to traders, lumberjacks and sea captains, from oil drillers and bootleggers to hippies and nuclear energy protestors.

Prior to 1906, Point Arena was the "busiest town between San Francisco and Eureka." More than 200,000 board feet of lumber came from the town mills. Point Arena was the main shipping port for agricultural products on the south Mendocino coast. After the earthquake in 1906 every brick building collapsed and every chimney and timbered dwelling came down.

In the meantime, William Hanon, the editor of the town newspaper, the Point Arena Record, was elected to a term in the state legislature. While there he saw money and services handed out to incorporated cities and wanted Point Arena to get a share. Due to his foresight and persistence tiny Point Arena became incorporated July 6, 1908.

By 1910 more than two dozen saloons graced the dirt road next to the headlands overlooking the Pacific. Until 1912 horse-drawn stagecoaches brought visitors and provisions. The main source of supplies, however, was the SS *Sea Foam* until it sank off the coast in 1931. A fire, started at the Grand Hotel on July 2, 1927, wiped out the town once again. By the 1930s Point Arena was rebuilt and many art deco and arte moderne remnants still stand downtown.

Since then roads have been paved and the scenic Coast Highway One turns into Point Arena's Main Street. The pier has been revitalized with restaurants and inns and harbors a small fishing fleet. Main Street sports historic facades, coffee shops, bars and a theater as well as a new public kiosk describing Point Arena's status as a California Coastal National Monument gateway.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the city of Point Arena for a hundred years of determination and success. I would also like to salute the energetic and conscientious city council, which chose "Still Crazy After all These Years" as the motto for its centennial. And for their new colorful city seal featuring the indigenous Point Arena Mountain Beaver.

TRIBUTE TO ALAN WOOTERS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Alan Wooters, a native of Gowrie, Iowa, who has been a distinguished long time public servant in Webster County, Iowa.

For the past 44 years, Alan has been working in the Webster County Auditor's office. After studying at the American Institute of Business in Des Moines, Alan began his non-elected position at the age of 19. Despite being a long-time Republican and a member of the Webster County Republican Central Committee, the three auditors he has worked for during his 44 year career have all been Democrats. In today's political climate, he certainly serves as a wonderful example of how to work across the aisle to accomplish results for the greater good.

Although Alan is stepping down from his First Deputy Auditor position, he hopes to continue serving the community by devoting more time to volunteering in programs such as Meals on Wheels and continuing as the president of the Gowrie Historical Society.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in congratulating Alan Wooters for his many years of service to Webster County, Iowa. I consider it an honor to represent Alan in Congress, and I wish him the best in his retirement and as he continues to serve his community.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the work and accomplishments of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB). The CDB has most recently been ranked among the world's most effective international financial institutions by Standard & Poor's, with the highest possible foreign currency high credit rating.

The CDB's mission is to promote economic growth and development among Caribbean member states by promoting economic cooperation and regional integration. Their work has helped to facilitate more efficient economic partnerships throughout the Caribbean by providing a number of financial services to the region.

I would like to thank the CDB for its contribution to the development of the Caribbean and I would like to wish the bank continued growth and success.

RECOGNIZING JOHN MILAZZO

HON. CHARLIE MELANCON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. MELANCON. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize